

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight. Tuesday fair, with light to moderate northwesterly winds.

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TRIBUTE IS PAID TO THE MEMORY OF SOLDIER DEAD

Decoration Day Exercises Held in All the Cemeteries of National Capital.

FLAGS AND FLOWERS ARE PLACED ABOVE GRAVES

Four Senators Among Speakers Who Voice the Nation's Homage.

THE PROGRAM AT ARLINGTON

Shaft Erected by the Colonial Dames to the Dead of the War With Spain Is Dedicated.

Memorial day, 1910.

This day has been consecrated by the American people to its patriotic soldier and sailor dead. With it there is much that is inspiring, much that is pathetic and much that is revered. It is a holiday that could look today upon the rapidly thinning lines of veterans of the civil war as the venerable fighting men of another century marched over the streets of Washington with no stirrings of patriotism at the visible reminder of the cost of the Union, and no pity for the age that has crept upon the vigor of its predecessors.

The thin blue line that proceeded to Arlington and other sleeping places of the soldier dead in this vicinity brought upon the focus of memory views of the awful harvest of death in the sixties and since—the fearful price paid in human lives for the inestimable bond of national individuality.

Half a million boys in blue were slain in battle or died of wounds, disease, or in prison. Since the close of the civil war the deaths of veterans of the Spanish-American war have numbered more than 100,000. Many of them as a result of the rigors of service or wounds received on the battlefield. To be accurate, the number of deaths since the war has been 1,155,334. It is at the graves of these brave men that the country is paying grateful homage today, while the survivors of the magnificent infantry of the Grand Army and the troopers of Sheridan, now but the fading shadow of the once great host, lovingly strew blossoms upon the graves of the dead in the cemeteries in the District as well as those in every part of this country.

Forget-Me-Not's Favorite Flower.

The forget-me-not is the favorite flower today. It embraces within its delicate folds both the sentiment, remembrance, and the color blue that symbolize Memorial day. It is the subject of a memorial hymn written by Dr. Thomas Calver and sung at Arlington today, while Department Commander Henry A. Johnson and other officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans and other societies brought up the rear of the marchers.

Other Patriotic Ceremonies. Numerous other ceremonies of a patriotic nature featured the day in the city. These included services at Grant's tomb on Riverside drive by U. S. Grant Post, and decoration of graves of veterans in the cemeteries. The speakers at the several points included four United States senators—Bradley of Kentucky, Depue of Nebraska, and Brown of Nebraska—while Representative Miles Poinseth of Washington spoke at the exercises held by the Spanish War Veterans at the shaft at Arlington dedicated by the Colonial Dames to the dead of the war with Spain. Judge Thomas H. Anderson of the District court was one of the orators at the Battle Ground cemetery, and Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, addressed the gathering in the cemetery at that institution, where the graves of the soldiers were decorated with flowers.

At the close of the ceremonies at Arlington Department Commander Henry A. Johnson and other officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans and other societies brought up the rear of the marchers. The opening event Memorial day was the parade over a short route in the downtown section of the city. Early in the morning veterans of the civil war in their uniforms of blue, Spanish War Veterans in their suits of blue and gray, typifying the thorough reunion of the north and south; members of the Army and Navy Union in their uniform; members of the National Guard of the District of Columbia in service uniforms and stepping along with the steady swing of regulars, gave the city a military aspect as they proceeded to their several places of rendezvous.

PARADE OF VETERANS AND DISTRICT TROOPS

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"Old Guard" as Escort.

The escort of the G. A. R. column was the "Old Guard," Capt. Amos J. Gunning commanding, and the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, N. G. D. C., Maj. Wallace A. McCarthan commanding. Company G, 2d Infantry, N. G. D. C., Capt. Sawyer commanding, wearing their uniforms, was the escort of the Spanish War Veterans. All the men in Company G saw service

REVIEWED BY TAFT

Civil War Veterans Parade in New York.

REGULARS HEAD COLUMN

Sailors, Marines and State Troops Also in the Line.

GENERAL HOLIDAY IN CITY

Services at Grant's Tomb—Sports Take Prominent Part in Afternoon Events.

NEW YORK, May 30.—New York today observed Memorial day not merely with traditional ceremony, but with the unusual honor of the presence in the city of the President of the United States to review the parade of the veterans. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. Enormous crowds were drawn to the streets and avenues through which marched the rapidly thinning ranks of blue and a great host massed about the stand at Soldiers and Sailors' monument, where President Taft watched the Grand Army men and kindred organizations pass in review.

As usual, the day was kept as a general holiday, and after the morning's impressive ceremonial was over the city's throngs gave themselves up to recreation in the open. Sports played a prominent part in the program of afternoon events and crowds flocked to the beaches and various pleasure resorts about the suburbs.

Arrival of the President.

President Taft arrived early from Washington and was driven to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, in West 48th street. Breakfast there was followed by a meeting with the other members of the reviewing party and a brief reception at the Sherman Square Hotel. The trip to the reviewing stand was then in order, with the Old Guard as the President's special escort, and a guard of honor comprising the Veteran Corps, Artillery and the Military Society of the War of 1812. The distinguished party invited to surround President Taft on the reviewing stand comprised: Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles and Julius H. Stahl; Brig. Gen. Anson G. McCook; Horace Porter, Nicholas Biddle, Walter Howe, John T. Lockman and Thomas H. Hubbard, together with a number of congressmen and other notables.

The Parade.

A detachment of regular army men headed the marchers, whose route was shortened so that they could appear upon the reviewing stand without being too greatly fatigued by their tramp. Followed by sailors and marines from the battleships Connecticut and Rhode Island, the head of the parade moved up West End avenue to 122d street, and on Riverside drive to the reviewing stand at the monument. The state troops, including the 7th, 12th, 71st and 89th regiments, followed next, and then came the veterans.

Cheer after cheer broke out as the old soldiers assembled and wheeled into line, and the echoes even after the faded battle flags had passed and the young men of the Spanish-American war and civic societies brought up the rear of the marchers.

Militia Companies Participate in Exercises Conducted by G. A. R.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 30.—Following the custom of the last few years, southern militia companies participated in the Decoration day exercises held under the auspices of the numerous G. A. R. posts throughout the south. At Marietta, Ga.; Andersonville, Ga.; Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss., and other places, where thousands of Union soldiers are buried in national cemeteries, the graves were marked with tiny American flags, and appropriate addresses delivered by northern and southern speakers.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT.

Man's Head Almost Severed by Broken Glass.

CLEVELAND, May 30.—Plunging headfirst through the night of stairs and rattling through a window a door, William Raddatz, thirty-six years old, a steel worker, had his head almost severed from his body by the broken glass yesterday.

ENTERTAIN MR. ROOSEVELT.

Royal Geographical Society Gives Luncheon for Ex-President.

LONDON, May 30.—The Royal Geographical Society entertained Mr. Roosevelt and several other distinguished persons at luncheon today.

Among those invited to meet the former President were: Lord Kitchener, Commander Robert E. Peary, Lord Curzon, Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada; Sir Harry H. Johnson, Sir Francis Younghusband, Frederick C. Selous, the hunter and naturalist, and Ian Buxton.

Champ Clark 4th of July Orator.

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority leader of the House, will make the principal speech of the Fourth of July Tammany Hall celebration in New York. Mr. Clark will discuss democracy and the political situation generally.

OWS TO POISONING

Negro Woman Confesses Attempt at Triple Murder.

ACCUSED HER OF THEFTS

Resented Constant Accusations That She Was Dishonest.

POISON PLACED IN COFFEE

Declares She Was Sorry Afterward, But Feared to Give Warning to Family.

Nellie Clarkson, the tall, phlegmatic colored woman who is under arrest at the house of detention, admitted to Detective Cornwell yesterday afternoon that she had put rough-on-rats in a canister of coffee in the kitchen of the house of Mrs. Florence D. Barrow of 5 Dupont circle. It was this poison which made Mrs. Barrow and her two daughters, Miss Mary E. Barrow and Miss Florence D. Barrow, seriously ill Saturday immediately after breakfast.

The Clarkson woman made her admission in a most matter-of-fact and casual manner after she had been subjected to a long examination by Detective Cornwell. She seemed to have no real sense of the extreme gravity of her offense or of the severe punishment which is provided for her by the penal code of the District. She told her story in an easy, conversational tone without betraying any evidences of emotional feeling.

Accused of Thefts.

She declared that she had left the Barrow household Monday last after having served there as cook since last October, with the exception of an interval of several weeks when she was visiting her brother in Virginia.

"They always accused me of taking things," she said to the detective. "I didn't take no things. I kept a-tellin' 'em that, but they kept a-pesterin' me about it. They said I'd taken furs. I told 'em I ain't seen no furs. Then they kept sendin' me notes written like as if they had been written by some detective or other and wantin' me to return 'em. The butler'd always bring 'em to me, sayin' they'd been left at the front door, but they couldn't fool me. I could see there wasn't no stamps on 'em."

"Finally they sent me away. They gave me a check for \$10 and then called up the bank and told 'em not to cash it. I got mad and came back Friday night to find out about what the trouble was. Miss Mary told me to go down to the kitchen. I went down there and me and her had some words. She kept talkin' 'bout them things what they said I'd taken, and I just naturally got mad."

Locked Door Behind Her.

"Finally she said she wasn't goin' to talk to me no more and went upstairs, where the folks was eatin' dinner. I guess she was afraid I was goin' to follow her upstairs, cause she locks the door at the top. I couldn't hear the key turnin', and when I heard it I got right down mad. I can't exactly tell now what I did, but I went over and looked up that box of rough-on-rats and dumped it in that coffee can. I was afraid to go down to the kitchen where I was a-lyin'. When I got home I felt sorry for sorry for what I'd done, but it was too late to do nothin'."

Dozens of Things Missed.

"That woman was a very oily, smooth-tongued person," said she. "She was a splendid servant and an admirable cook. I am convinced that she was dishonest. We missed dozens of things, and from our knowledge of conditions in the household we knew that she must have taken them. But she always denied her guilt. After I had given her that check and began to hear of the rough-on-rats, I was suspicious. Because of the illness of the principals, witnesses were summoned without fail for a hearing later in the week."

Delighted to Know He Is to Address the Congress of Conservation Associations.

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Has a Hearty Laugh.

Mr. Pinchot was spoken to about the summing up by Mr. Vertrees Saturday in the Ballinger inquiry, and said: "Oh, I read about that. Some papers were handed to me aboard the boat last night. I see he says I am a small 'possum up a big tree. Oh, well." The rest of his remark was lost in a peal of laughter by the speaker. Then he went on to talk about the conservation question.

"At the big meeting in St. Paul," he said, "we hope to accomplish some very large results in getting the attention of the people of this country increased in the subject as it has presented itself here."



PINCHOT GETS HOME

Former Forester Lands After Seeing Roosevelt Abroad.

TALKS ON CONSERVATION

But Declines to Discuss Controversy With Secretary Ballinger.

FOUND EX-PRESIDENT WELL

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No Forest Over There.

"It has been cabled," said one interviewer, "that you and Col. Roosevelt went out into a forest and had a very earnest conversation."

Former Suspicious Illnesses.

"There was no altercation between my daughter and the woman, as has been stated. My daughter left her when she observed that the woman was in an ugly mood and came upstairs."

JOHN W. HERRON IMPROVING.

Father-in-Law of President Taft Recovering from Illness.

CINCINNATI, May 30.—John W. Herron, the aged father-in-law of President Taft, who has been ill for some days, is much improved today.

Mrs. Taft will arrive in the city tomorrow for a week's visit with her father.

DONE BY WRECKERS

Sinking of Dewey Probably Work of Conspirators.

HOLE BLOWN IN BOTTOM

Examination Strengthens Belief That Sinking of Big Dry Dock Was Not Accident.

MURDER IS POLICE THEORY

Left Home for Church on Morning of December 8 and Mysteriously Disappeared.

MANILA, May 30.—Further examination of the United States dry dock Dewey, which is partially submerged at Olongapo, in Subig bay, has strengthened the belief of those of the navy who have held that the damage was done deliberately by a band of conspirators against the government.

Expect to Find Hole.

According to the experts believe that a large hole will be found in the port side or bottom of the dock. It is probable that the mystery will not be cleared until the dock has been raised. How long this will take cannot be said, but quite likely it will be four or five weeks. The position of the dock was unchanged to date except that the port side containing the machinery was further settled, being now imbedded in the mud to a depth of twelve feet, making its present examination impossible. The starboard is one-third dry and can be easily examined.

To Use Compressed Air.

The engineers will employ compressed air when the wrecking equipment is brought here from Cavite Wednesday. Capt. Albert Mertz, commandant of the naval stations at Cavite and Olongapo, has inspected the work and expressed satisfaction with the progress made.

LAD SKIPS SCHOOL.

Edwin Gould, Jr., in New Britain, Footsore and Weary.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., May 30.—Edwin Gould, Jr., son of Edwin Gould of Ardsley-on-the-Hudson, and grandson of the late Jay Gould, was found on the street here early today and taken to the police station. Young Gould ran away from the Pomfret School, in Pomfret Center, last week and arrived here footsore and weary.

His grandmother, Mrs. George Shady of New York, is on the way here.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND

Long Search for Eight-Year-Old Alma Kellner Ended.

One of Child's Legs Had Been Severed From Her Body.

MAINE, May 30.—A badly decomposed body, identified as that of Alma Kellner, the eight-year-old girl who mysteriously disappeared from her home last December, was found today in a sub-basement of St. John's School at Clay and Walnut streets. The body was lying in three feet of water.

The body was positively identified as that of Alma Kellner by her uncle, Frank Fehl, a millionaire brewer of Louisville.

Wrapped in Old Carpet.

The condition of the corpse indicated that it had been in the hiding place for several months and that a crude attempt to bury it had been made. The discovery was made shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, and Chief Lindsey, who hurried to the scene in an automobile, said he had no doubt that it was the body of the missing child.

Murder Theory Advanced.

The body was found by a plumber, who had been sent into the cellar to stop a leak in a water pipe, which had flooded the basement. Chief of Police Lindsay and Coroner Ellis Duncan, who came hurriedly to the scene, announced that the body was that of Alma Kellner, and the chief later gave it out that he believed the case had been a murder. One hundred children convened in several rooms of the first and second floors were hurriedly dismissed from their classes and sent home when the find was reported to those in charge of the school.

The leak in the water pipe, the cause of which has not yet been learned, had caused water to flow until the floor was covered to a depth of about three feet. Lamps were quickly brought and the relatives of the child summoned.

INDIANS DIE IN FIRE.

Four Persons of Two Families Perish in Rooming House Blaze.

BUFAULA, Okla., May 30.—Punaholo Lowe, Peter Bauer, and the latter's wife and child, all Indians from Weleka, Okla., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a rooming house early today.

Three Million Feet of Logs Burn.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, May 30.—Three million feet of logs, the property of the Great West Lumber Company at Greenbush, Manitoba, were burned Saturday.

Rain is subduing the forest fires, which have caused losses to lumber companies of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

SENATE PROBE DEEP

Disposed to Go to Bottom of Lorimer Bribery Charges.

RESOLUTION TOO NARROW

Likely to Go Farther Than Proposed by Accused Senator.

MAY WAIT TILL NEXT FALL

Possible That Pending Campaign Will Result in Delaying the Inquiry.

The investigation by the Senate of the charge against Senator Lorimer of Illinois probably will be much more exhaustive than would be possible under the resolution which the Illinois senator introduced. There was considerable discussion today of the proposed investigation, and the opinion was expressed generally that the resolution should be broadened.

Members of the committee on privileges and elections contend that the resolution should have been sent to that committee for a decision as to whether the situation warranted an inquiry and then referred to the committee on contingent expenses for an estimate of the cost and an authorization for the expenditure.

Keen Not in City.

Chairman Keen of the committee on contingent expenses was not in the city today. He will be home tomorrow, and Chairman Burrows of the committee on privileges and elections expects them to confer with him. It is likely that the resolution will be recalled and sent to Mr. Burrows' committee.

Delay Until Fall Possible.

Several members of the Senate committee to be charged with the conduct of the investigation have campaigns on hand and it is possible that they will be unwilling to give the time necessary for the prosecution of the inquiry before fall.

SURRENDER OF BRODERICK.

State Senator Indicted for Bribery Gives Himself Up.

CHICAGO, May 30.—State Senator John Broderick, indicted by the Sangamon county grand jury, charged with giving a bribe of \$2,500 to State Senator Holst-law to vote for Lorimer for United States senator, surrendered himself to Deputy Sheriff Long here today.

Promises to Give Bond.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 30.—There is a lull in the legislative bribery investigation by State's Attorney Burke today. As it is Memorial day, the grand jury is not in session and will not be until 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

State's Attorney Burke received word today from State Senator John Broderick of Chicago, who was indicted Saturday evening on a charge of bribing Senator Holst-law of Iowa to vote for Lorimer for United States senator, saying that Broderick would appear in Springfield tomorrow to give bond for the sum of \$10,000.

DEATH IN COLLISION.

Automobile Containing Four Baltimoreans Runs Down Milk Wagon.

BALTIMORE, May 30.—In a collision between an automobile driven at high speed and a farm wagon on Park Heights avenue early this morning John J. McConnell was instantly killed and three other men were slightly injured. All were occupants of the car and were residents of this city. Howard L. Crise, driver of the machine, who was one of the injured, was arrested and charged with having caused the death of McConnell.

SHOOT FATHER IN ANGER.

Van Presly Barricades Himself and Refuses to Surrender.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 30.—News reached here today that Van Presly shot and killed his father, John Presly, at Laurel Hill, Tenn., yesterday. The son became angry at his father because the latter refused to let him have a horse now.

It is reported that the young man is barricaded in his father's house and declares he will not be taken alive.

HAS DELAYED ACTION

Differences Among Employees as to Retirement Systems.

PROPOSITIONS CONFUSED

Superannuated Clerks the Sufferers in Consequence.

MORE DISMISSALS LIKELY

Post Office Department Official Says That He Expects Some Sad Scenes in His Department.

"The statement of a department official, recently printed in The Star, that selfishness, and I might also add greed, on the part of departmental employees in the matter of retirement for superannuation, more than anything else has delayed action by Congress on this matter," said a prominent member of the House committee on civil service reform today, "hits the nail on the head. I do not mean by that," he said, "that the selfishness and greed is with the unfortunate clerks who are soon likely to lose their positions. But there are a lot of self-constituted politicians and street corner debaters who are seeking to gain something for themselves at this time when public sympathy is aroused at the conditions of the unfortunate clerks who have received notice that they will not be needed after July 1. The question of an increase of pay for the clerks in general is one thing, and a provision to keep from the poorhouse those who seem to have no other fate in store for them at this time is another. They should not be permitted to become entangled each with the other."

Mr. Gillett's Belief.

Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, the author of the bill for retirement, is reported to have said in a recent interview that he is not committed to any plan, but that he believes in the idea of making the beginning, as an experiment, with the departmental clerks in Washington and securing for them the best that can be obtained. He said that it will not be so difficult to extend the provisions for the relief of the superannuated clerks to those in the other departments. He also feels, it is said, that a conflict of opinion between the clerks themselves and the plan of retirement is not a good thing for the measure at this time. Congress does not propose to be dictated to by the subject. It has already made extensive inquiries, not only in this country, but beyond the seas, to get the necessary information to enable it to act intelligently upon the subject.

The great thing," said a member who favors the contributory plan, "is to get some action now that will relieve the poor souls who will be out of their positions. The contributory plan is a good thing whatever, within about thirty days. They are the ones that should be considered now, because they are just as much entitled to the relief as any in the departments, and their need of it is more than all the others have. It is a matter of life and death to them now and in the interim."

These men who are wrangling over factions, it is declared, have sprung up among the clerks themselves who have been active in the movement to secure a superannuation retirement plan. The contributory plan, however, has been almost hopelessly divided as to the better plan, a straight pension or the contributory plan. The latter is favored by each other, it is claimed, instead of uniting to secure congressional action for the relief of the superannuated clerks. Congress to determine what is the most practicable at this time.

More Dismissals Expected.

A prominent official in the Post Office Department said to a Star reporter today he felt certain that in this department would be soon witnessed a repetition of the scene which was witnessed in the post office a few days ago, when thirty odd old employees who had been in the service and performed good work during their stay were turned back with a month's salary. "I don't see," he said, "that the Postmaster General is seeking to ascertain in the way followed elsewhere who are the old hands whose hour of need is with them. Once ascertained, he has no choice under the law as it actually exists today but to relieve now if they are practically useless is found to be past."

Thus, in addition to the thirty-odd old employees who are being turned back, will come possibly many more from the Post Office Department, and when Congress adjourns a host of old employees who are practically paupers will be thrown upon the charity of their friends, and possibly upon the community. "I don't see," he said, "that the Postmaster General is seeking to ascertain in the way followed elsewhere who are the old hands whose hour of need is with them. Once ascertained, he has no choice under the law as it actually exists today but to relieve now if they are practically useless is found to be past."

Many Homes Destroyed.

Tornado Sweeps Up the Elk Valley in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 30.—Many houses in the village of Guthrie were destroyed by a tornado which passed up the Elk valley, a few miles north of Charleston, yesterday.

Several persons were injured and much live stock killed. The Coal and Coke railroad was a heavy sufferer, several hundred thousands dollars' worth of its property having been destroyed.

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Government Backward in Adopting Retirement System

That the federal